



Protecting and Educating Teenagers

Budget: \$25,000 for a one-year project. \$5,000 funded. \$20,000 still to raise.

Update:

The province of North Maluku was subject to religious and ethnic conflict in 1999 and many people were killed and displaced as a result. Health care services remain at a minimum. Working in a remote and needy part of Indonesia, our partners provide support, preventative education, healthcare services and a drug recovery opportunity to members of its community.

On September 28, 2018, on the neighbouring island of Sulawesi, Palu suffered tremendously from a 7.5 magnitude earthquake and then a massive tsunami killing over 2,300 people. This halted the education program while our partners served the people of Palu with immediate primary healthcare for the remaining months of 2018.

During this period they still managed to educate 1,182 individuals in the community, mostly youth under 18 years. The main goal is to prevent sexual abuse, HIV and other health and social injustices through education of individuals and community members. By teaching children prevention strategies and promoting awareness, counselling individuals and facilitating seminars for leaders within the communities they hope to promote healthy and abuse free families and communities.

In their efforts to achieve these goals, they have been teaching school students (see photo below), community members including teachers, youth leaders, pastors and parents about HIV and sex trafficking and abuse. Staff, like Mia, above right, have engaged in further online training for sex trafficking and have been to Thailand and Cambodia for further training in sexual abuse and sex trafficking prevention. Our partners are developing further resources in Indonesia to train others locally. They are in the process of getting government recommendations in Manado, another neighbouring island, to expand their education program. To this end, they have employed a casual staff member in Manado to facilitate this expansion process. They have also developed a partnership in Manado and are mentoring a newly developing local NGO, focusing on sex trafficking.

Thank you for helping to protect the futures of so many vulnerable young people in this remote part of Indonesia.

